	(amended) A method for limiting transmit power of a radio
2	operating in a cellular environment, the cellular environment comprising
	a plurality of cells that transmit power control commands to the radio, the
4	radio comprising a variable gain amplifier and a power limiting
	accumulator, the method comprising the steps of:
6	receiving a signal from at least one of the plurality of cells;
	determining a power [value] level of the received signal;
8	determining a closed loop power control value in response to the
	received signal;
10	generating a limiting gain control setting in response to the closed
	loop power control value and the power [value] level, the limiting gain
12	control signal being within a predetermined range;
	combining the closed loop power control value, [and] the power
14	[value] level, and the limiting gain control setting to generate a gain
	control setting; and
16	adjusting the variable gain amplifier in response to the gain control
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